योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम : (क) गुजरात में नये एक मुश्त कार्यक्रम के नाम से कोई कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वित नहीं किया जा रहा है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Projection on Inflation during Eighth Five Year Plan

2627. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 600 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4-5-1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have projected the inflation rate in 1992-93 at 10 percent and the objective is to bring it down to 7.5 to 8 percent by the end of the 8th Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in case the inflation rate during 1992-93 is not brought down by 2 to 3 percent from the present level, there will be a big erosion in resources in real terms and it will be very difficult to implement the programmed development work in 1993-94; and

(c) if so, what specific steps Government propose to take in this regard to bring down the inflation rate to the desired level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No projections are made for inflation in the Plan, in the sense that the resources and investment projections are in real terms. However, it is expected that it will be possible to contain the average rate of inflation during the Eighth Plan period about 5 per cent per year, given the realisation of growth rates projected in the plan.

(b) It is desirable to bring down the rate of inflation during 1992-93 and after, in order to protect the resources in real terms and also to protect the interests of the poor and the weak.

(c) Government has been taking a number of measures to bring down inflation. Some of the more important measures are reducing the fiscal deficit, containing the growth of money supply and ensuring adequate supply of essential commodities. Government will be continuing these efforts at containing inflation.

Industrial Development of Maharashtra

2628. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been submitted for ensuring accelerated industrial development of the backward regions of Vidarbha, Marathwada etc., during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof and the central aid, if any sought therefor;

(c) whether the schemes have been approved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bases of Export Growth rate

2629. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state: